

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BLACKSBURG VA
329 PM EDT SUN SEP 22 2013

**...TORNADO CONFIRMED NEAR KING IN STOKES COUNTY NORTH
CAROLINA...**

LOCATION...KING IN STOKES COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA
DATE...09/21/2013
ESTIMATED TIME...558 PM EDT
MAXIMUM EF-SCALE RATING...EF1
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...90 MPH
MAXIMUM PATH WIDTH...90 YARDS
PATH LENGTH...0.61 MILES
* FATALITIES...0
* INJURIES...0

* THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS PRELIMINARY
AND SUBJECT TO
CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT(S) AND
PUBLICATION IN
NWS STORM DATA.

...SUMMARY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN BLACKSBURG VA HAS
CONFIRMED A TORNADO OCCURRED NEAR KING IN STOKES
COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA ON SEPTEMBER 21ST 2013.

THE TORNADO INITIALLY TOUCHED DOWN NEAR THE STOKES
AND FORSYTH COUNTY LINES ALONG NEWSOME ROAD...AND
DAMAGED A SUNROOM...KNOCKING DOWN THE EXTERIOR WALLS
TO THE NORTHWEST. SEVERAL TREES WERE ALSO SNAPPED OFF
IN THIS AREA. FROM THIS POINT...THE TORNADO MOVED TO
THE NORTHEAST...COMPLETELY DESTROYING A BARN AND
UPROOTING SEVERAL TREES NEAR KATES FARM ROAD AND
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE. THE TORNADO CONTINUED TO MOVE IN A
NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRD OF A
MILE...CROSSING HIGHWAY 52...DAMAGING THE GARAGE DOOR
OF AN INDUSTRIAL OUTBUILDING AND DAMAGED SEVERAL MORE
TREES. THE TORNADO LIFTED NEAR CAMPBELL DRIVE. IN
TOTAL THREE STRUCTURES WERE DAMAGED BY THIS TORNADO.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
STOKES COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT...AND THE CITY OF
KING POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE
IN COMPLETING THIS DAMAGE SURVEY.

THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT
WEATHER.GOV/RNK.

FOR REFERENCE...THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE CLASSIFIES
TORNADOES INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

EF0...WIND SPEEDS 65 TO 85 MPH.
EF1...WIND SPEEDS 86 TO 110 MPH.
EF2...WIND SPEEDS 111 TO 135 MPH.
EF3...WIND SPEEDS 136 TO 165 MPH.
EF4...WIND SPEEDS 166 TO 200 MPH.
EF5...WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 200 MPH.